

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2008**

The monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, August 18, 2008, in the cafeteria of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street in Bristol, RI. The Chairperson, William A. Estrella, Jr, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:09 PM.

Present: William A. Estrella, Jr., Chair, Marjorie J. McBride, Vice-Chair, Paul Silva, Secretary, William M. O'Dell, Treasurer, Paul E. Brule, Diana B. Campbell, David L. Dugan, Karen A. Lynch and John P. Saviano; Edward P. Mara, Superintendent; Melinda L. Thies, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction; Mary Cerullo, Executive Director of Literacy K-12, Elementary Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Jane F. Correia, Director of Administration and Finance; Leslie J. Anderson, Interim Director of Pupil Personnel Services, and Andrew D. Henneous, Esq., District Solicitor

Absent: none

OPENING BUSINESS

All present were invited to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Announcements

Mr. Estrella announced that school starts in less than ten (10) days; those starting for the first time should be very excited. Every child will be in a safe, fully coded and economical building, a feeling we have not had before; we commend everyone who has had anything to do with the renovation project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Geoffrey Keegan, President of the Mt. Hope Senior Class, addressed the Committee about the change in start times; students and faculty disagree with the poor choice and would like to change it back. The Mt. Hope sports schedule will be impacted, athletes will have to miss class time; middle school students will be home alone after school and this is a problem. Many students work after school and with a 2:30 PM dismissal, some may lose their jobs. Although research seems to support the new start time, the late students will still be late; the students who will be affected the most are those who participate in extra curricular activities; students will have to shorten their list and do less for the school community.

Mr. Estrella thanked Mr. Keegan for his comments and for being so articulate. He explained that this decision was not made by the

School Committee but after recommendations for several years by the Principals of Mt. Hope High School and Kickemuit Middle School, the decision was based on all those resources. He suggested a meeting with the Superintendent to go over the process and the reasoning; it is important for school officers to have input into the District.

Mrs. Campbell acknowledged the students' frustration and felt they should be made part of the decision making process and suggested more communication with class officers.

Without objection, Mr. Estrella asked Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Thies to develop a system to involve class and school officers.

Mr. Saviano responded to Mr. Keegan that the SIT Team has representatives from the classes and participated in the discussion on the start time change and High School Administration is very much in favor of the change.

Mr. Brule felt that the Committee should have been better informed of the change.

Mr. O'Dell said there was also mention of it at the Budget / Facilities Subcommittee meeting. Dr. Mara defended the decision stating the bus company had to confirm they could handle the change and no child would be picked up before 6:40 AM; the SIT Team requested it

and the high school Athletic Director had confirmed with the Interscholastic League that we will not be penalized; there may be three times that the students must leave the campus early for sporting events. Mrs. Thies explained that the decision is supported by research on the functioning of the adolescent brain.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. O'Dell asked to have item J.1. of Superintendent's Recommendation #S2008-49 removed from the consent vote.

Mr. Silva asked to remove the approval of the July 14, 2008 meeting minutes for a correction.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride motioned to approve the remainder of the consent vote; Mr. Silva seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Mara acknowledged some of the people who retired: Rosia Beaulieu, Speech Pathologist at Guiteras has been with us a number of years; Judy Colaluca has been with the District 39 years; Carole Donahue, Reading Specialist, a few years with the District; Charlene Grimo, fourth grade at Guiteras, over 30 years; Cheryl Lagor, over 20 years; Richard Lonardo, a short time; Diane Morris, a huge loss after 28 years; Beth Penkala, 29 years; Paula Richards, over 30 years; Kim Cabral, moved to Florida; Myra Webster resigned from only her Adult Education position.

MOTION: Mr. Brule motioned to approve the July 14, 2008 meeting minutes, to be amended —change the signatory to Mr. O'Dell as Mr. Silva was not present at that meeting. Mr. O'Dell seconded. The motion passed 8 to 0 with Mr. Silva abstaining.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride motioned to seal the minutes to the July 14, 2008 Executive Session; Mr. Brule and Mr. O'Dell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET/ FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. O'Dell said the next meeting is on August 25 at 6:00 PM in the Administration Building; he will meet with Mrs. Correia tomorrow for the pre-meeting meeting; any items for the agenda should be brought to his attention. Mr. Estrella asked Mrs. Correia to express the Committee's appreciation to all who moved the Technology Department from Main Street to Kickemuit.

POLICY/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE

Nothing new to report.

PERSONNEL/CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Silva will update the Committee on BWEA contract negotiations in

Executive Session; negotiations will continue next Wednesday evening; progress is slow but moving forward.

COLT ANDREWS CONSTRUCTION SUBCOMMITTEE

This was reported out at the Building Committee Meeting just prior to this meeting; all children will be in their classrooms at Colt and Andrews on the first day of school.

CHAIRPERSON'S INITIATIVES

MOTION to Ratify: Mrs. McBride, seconded by Mr. O'Dell, motioned to ratify a vote taken in the July 14, 2008 Executive Session to suspend a teacher for ten (10) days. The motion to ratify passed by a vote of 8 to 0 with Mr. Silva abstaining.

MOTION: Mr. Estrella motioned that the enabling legislation be amended to remove any and all language that segregates any group of children including the language prohibiting transporting elementary students cross town lines.

Mr. Estrella said he still finds the segregationalist language offensive. Mr. O'Dell seconded.

Mrs. Campbell questioned the process of changing legislation; she expected a public forum. Mr. Estrella said the motion comes to the table then comes for a hearing when the formal language is

presented; this motion is to start the process; he asked Attorney Henneous to research procedures. Mr. Henneous explained the process would be controlled by legislature; he can revise the language then contact local legislators to assist the Committee. Mr. Estrella said once the resolution is drafted by the Solicitor and accepted by the Committee, it is sent to each of the Town Councils, then to the legislators; there would be a hearing; the process takes from one year to a year and a half. Mrs. Campbell asked for more public input before the Committee votes. Mr. Saviano believes this is worthy of great discussion but would amend the recommendation.

MOTION: Mr. Saviano motioned to amend the recommendation to read: "To instruct the District Solicitor to prepare a resolution for a public hearing that the enabling legislation be amended to remove any and all language that segregates any group of children including the language prohibiting transporting elementary students cross town lines." Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. McBride seconded. The motion to amend passed by a vote of 9 to 0.

Mr. O'Dell is in favor of the general idea and once the process begins there will be ample opportunity for public comment, and from a Budget/Facilities standpoint, it makes sense to do this; it costs less to change enabling legislation than to build more buildings.

Mr. Dugan asked why the District was established in this manner to begin with. Mr. Estrella explained it was at the request of certain

people in certain areas of town; fears about long bus rides have not come to fruition; students melded right away. We are now in a position where every classroom in Bristol is at capacity and an additional kindergarten classroom was opened; class sizes are swelling; because of the segregationalist language, we are prohibited; also, in the past some Bristol children changed elementary schools four times in six years. Mr. Saviano recalls that parents and grandparents had concerns about their children not being in their neighborhood school so they contacted our legislators. Mr. Silva agrees with the theory, but enabling legislation has to be placed on a ballot, which assures public input.

The motion to approve the Chair's recommendation as amended passed by a vote of 8 to 1 with Mr. Brule voting no.

Future Workshop Agenda Items

September: ELA Curriculum by Mrs. Cerullo

Task Force on School Officers

Executive Session Protocol

October: School Committee Goals

New SPED Regulations (to be implemented in 2009)

Mr. Estrella has been asked by the Bristol Town Council to appoint someone from the School Committee to serve on their committee to assess the usage of empty buildings. He instructed the Clerk to

notify the Town Council that Mrs. McBride will be the representative.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES

Recommendation #S 2008-49 A-L: CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

A. APPOINTMENTS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the positions of three Secondary Science Teachers, Secondary Mathematics Teacher (3/5 time), Middle School Mathematics Teacher, Elementary Library/Media Specialist, Elementary Music Teacher, Middle School Music Teacher (2/5 time Job Share), Elementary School/Nurse Teacher (2/5 time Job Share), Working Supervisor and Maintenance as listed below:

1. Susan M. Costa Science Teacher – Mt. Hope High

Effective: For the 2008-09 School Year, pending receipt of certification

Reason: To fill a vacancy

(Resignation – J. Kutcher)

Funding: Operational Budget (2nd step)

2. Robert J. Eddy Science Teacher – Mt. Hope High

Effective: For the 2008-09 School Year, pending receipt of certification

Reason: To fill a vacancy

(Non-Renewal – A. Dann)

Funding: Operational Budget (10th step/M+30)

3. Gregory K. Shea Science Teacher – Mt. Hope High

**Effective: For the 2008-09 School Year, pending
receipt of certification**

Reason: To fill a vacancy

(Retirement – N. Hunt)

Funding: Operational Budget (1st step)

4. Kimberly Curry Mathematics Teacher (3/5 time) – Mt. Hope High

**Effective: For the 2008-09 School Year, pending
receipt of certification**

Reason: To fill a vacancy

(Retirement – E. Penkala)

Funding: Operational Budget (1st step)

5. Jeffrey Blanchet Mathematics Teacher – Kickemuit Middle

**Effective: For the 2008-09 School Year, pending
receipt of certification and satisfactory
completion of pre-employment
requirements**

Reason: To fill a vacancy

(Promotion – K. Pereira)

Funding: Operational Budget (2nd step)

6. Carol Cappadona Library/Media Specialist - Rockwell

Effective: For the 2008-09 School Year, pending receipt of certification and satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements

Reason: To fill a vacancy

(Transfer – H. Lapointe)

Funding: Operational Budget (9th Step/Masters)

7. Celeste Labonte Music Teacher – Colt Andrews

Effective: For the 2008-09 School Year

Reason: To fill a vacancy

(Retirement - M. Hewitt)

Funding: Operational Budget (10th Step/Masters)

8. Emily Dereniuk-Johnson Music Teacher (2/5 time) – Kickemuit Middle

Effective: For the 2008-09 School Year Only, pending receipt of certification and satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements

Reason: To fill a job share vacancy

(Job Share – M. Labonte)

Funding: Operational Budget (6th Step)

9. Phyllis M. Glavin School/Nurse Teacher (2/5 time) – Colt-Andrews

Effective: For the 2008-09 School Year Only

Reason: To fill a job share vacancy

(Job Share – M. Lero)

Funding: Operational Budget (10th Step/Masters)

10. David R. Nappi Working Supervisor

Effective: July 21, 2008

Reason: To fill a vacancy

(Death – J. Machado)

Funding: Operational Budget

11. Michael Ferreira Maintenance

Effective: August 18, 2008

Reason: To fill a vacancy

(Promotion – D. Nappi)

Funding: Operational Budget

B. BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicant to the School of the 21st Century, Before and After School Program, as listed below (pending sufficient enrollment to warrant running this program and DCYF CANTS

clearance):

1. Samantha Jann Child Care Provider (Part Time)

Effective: Immediately, for the remainder of the
2008-09 school year, pending
satisfactory completion of pre-
employment requirements

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient

**C. EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY) SERVICES PROGRAM AND
SUMMER SCHOOL RESOURCE SUPPORT:** That the School
Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to
appoint the following individuals for the Summer 2008 session only of
the Bristol Warren Regional Extended School Year (ESY) Services
Program/Summer School Resource Support contingent upon
sufficient enrollment:

Name Position

- 1. Patricia Cappucci Teacher Assistant**
- 2. Paula Gabriele Teacher Assistant**
- 3. Denise Goodman Teacher Assistant**
- 4. Lisa Macedonio Teacher Assistant**
- 5. Lynda Squillante Teacher Assistant**

D. ELEMENTARY SUMMER PROGRAM: That the School Committee

confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individual for the Summer 2008 session only of the Bristol Warren Regional Elementary Summer Program contingent upon sufficient enrollment:

Name Position

1. Julie Lawson Teacher

E. KINDERGARTEN SCREENING: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individuals for the Summer 2008 session only of the Bristol Warren Kindergarten Screening Program contingent upon sufficient enrollment:

Name Position

1. Michelle Cordeiro Coordinator

2. Susan Abilheira Teacher

3. Maria Grace Arruda Teacher

4. Kelly Brum Teacher

5. Linda Bruno Teacher

6. Tina Hyllested Teacher

7. Kelly Servant Teacher

F. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the extracurricular positions listed below for the 2008-09 school year only (pending certification, funding and sufficient sign-ups to warrant running these programs):

INTERSCHOLASTIC COACHES – KICKEMUIT MIDDLE

- 1. Basketball (Boys) Coach Douglas Walker**
- 2. Cheerleading Coach Lynn DePasquale**
- 3. Cross Country Coach Brian Beausoleil**
- 4. Fast-Pitch Softball (Girls) Coach Pamela Oliveira**
- 5. Soccer (Boys) Coach Anthony Cambrola**
- 6. Soccer (Girls) Coach John Raposa**
- 7. Track (Outdoor) Coach Brian Beausoleil**

INTRAMURAL COACHES – KICKEMUIT MIDDLE

- 8. Basketball (Co-Ed) Coach Paul Castigliengo**
- 9. Cheerleading Coach Lisa Silva**
- 10. Flag Football (Co-Ed) Coach Paul Castigliengo**
- 11. Volleyball (Co-Ed) Coach Paul Castigliengo**

G. CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to place on file in the office of the Superintendent the following applications for certified substitutes pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements:

CERTIFIED

Name Area/Level

- 1. Rosia Beaulieu Speech Pathologist**
- 2. Nicole Guercia Elementary**

- 3. Rebecca Lee Early Childhood/Sp.Ed.**
- 4. Kristin A. Mitchell Elementary**
- 5. Anita K. Randall General Subject Matter**
- 6. Paula Richards-Sousa Elementary/Reading Specialist/ESL**
- 7. Natalie Swift General Subject Matter**

H. CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to place on file in the office of the Superintendent the following applications for classified substitutes pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements:

TEACHER ASSISTANTS

- 1. Barbara R. Corcoran**
- 2. Victoria A. Duerr**

I. LEAVE OF ABSENCE: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant a leave of absence for a Middle School Special Educator as follows:

- 1. Nicole Daniello Special Educator – Kickemuit Middle**

**Effective: August 27, 2008 through
October 1, 2008**

**Reason: Parental leave in accordance with
Article 21, Section L2 of the Master**

Agreement

J. RESIGNATIONS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignations listed below:

1. Leslie A. Neubauer Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Effective: December 31, 2008

Reason: Retirement

2. Rosia Beaulieu Speech Pathologist - Guiteras

Effective: End of 2007-08 School Year

Reason: Retirement

3. Judith Colaluca Grade Four Teacher – Hugh Cole

Effective: Immediately

Reason: Retirement

4. Carole Donahue Elementary Reading Specialist/Consultant

Effective: August 20, 2008

Reason: Retirement

5. Charlene Grimo Grade Four Teacher - Guiteras

Effective: August 31, 2008

Reason: Retirement

6. Cheryl Lagor Grade Four Teacher - Guiteras

Effective: August 31, 2008

Reason: Personal

7. Richard Lonardo Industrial Technology Teacher – Mt. Hope High

Effective: Immediately

Reason: Personal

8. Diane M. Morris Technology – Kickemuit Middle

Effective: August 24, 2008

Reason: Retirement

9. Elizabeth A. Penkala Mathematics Teacher – Mt. Hope High

Effective: June 30, 2008

Reason: Retirement

**10. Paula Richards-Sousa English as a Second Language Teacher -
Byfield**

Effective: June 12, 2008

Reason: Retirement

11. Kimberly Cabral Teacher Assistant – Kickemuit Middle

Effective: August 15, 2008

Reason: Personal

12. Myra Webster Adult Education Coordinator

Effective: September 1, 2008

Reason: Personal

13. Justin Teixeira Asst. Boys Soccer Coach – Mt. Hope High

Effective: Immediately

Reason: Personal

K. SUSPENSION, NONRENEWAL AND/OR TERMINATION OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to rescind the vote(s) of February 11, 2008 and February 25, 2008 as to the following listed teachers and appoint the listed teachers to the positions indicated:

Name Anticipated Assignment

- 1. Lori Albuquerque Elementary**
- 2. Elizabeth Cook Robillard Reading Specialist/Consultant (1/2 time)**
- 3. Lynn DellaGrotta Reading Specialist/Consultant**
- 4. Petra O'Hagan Elementary Special Educator**
- 5. Sarah Stringer Elementary**

L. TERMINATION OF NON-CERTIFIED SUPPORT STAFF: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to rescind the vote of May 19, 2008 of the following listed auxiliary school personnel and appoint the listed personnel to

the position indicated:

Name Anticipated Assignment

- 1. Denise Salamon Teacher Assistant (Part Time to Full Time)
(Leave of Absence Vacancy)**

MOTION: Mr. Silva motioned to accept item J.1. of Superintendent's Recommendation #S2008-49. Mr. Saviano seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0 with Mr. O'Dell voting present.

Recommendation #S 2008-48: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the revised School Committee Policy JFCA Student Dress Code (Second Reading)

MOTION: Mrs. McBride motioned to approve; Mr. Dugan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation #S 2008-50: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the revised School Committee Policy JEB Entrance Age (First Reading)

MOTION: Mrs. McBride motioned to approve; Mr. Brule seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 9 to 0.

Mrs. Tara Thibaudeau, Warren resident, parent of five children, and former School Committee member, said this policy affects her personally and feels removing the option for children born in September to be screened is not a good change. She believes the District cannot evaluate a child by saying that a child born after September 1st is not ready for kindergarten; she feels this should be the parents' option and this goes against the principles of making education friendly. This restricts rather than enables parents; the Department of Education supports our current policy which actually gives final control to Administration.

Dr. Mara responded that kindergarten classes are reaching capacity and even with an extra kindergarten classroom at Rockwell the numbers are at 22 and 23. He does not want to give parents false hope or create a negative situation. The Commissioner had warned all Superintendents that they would have problems if they did not adhere to the letter of the regulation. Approximately 50% of the September born students allowed into kindergarten in the past were successful, the unsuccessful students are retained in kindergarten. Knowing we do not have space, Dr. Mara felt it best to be up front with parents. Parents had asked Dr. Mara why the option is stated in the policy if they can be denied.

Mrs. Thibaudeau felt that because there is no room this year, we should not close the door for the future.

Mrs. Lynch agrees with the change as stated; if September children are allowed, what about the child born on October 1; the date is the date and it is time to stick to the date. Mr. Estrella acknowledged Mrs. Thibaudeau's point.

The motion to approve Recommendation #S2008-50 passed by a vote of 9 to 0.

Recommendation #S 2008-51: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, adopt the new School Committee Policy -- Medically Fragile Students (First Reading)

MOTION: Mrs. McBride motioned to approve; Mr. O'Dell seconded.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride motioned to amend the first line and change the word "community" to "administration." Mr. Brule seconded the motion. The motion to amend passed unanimously.

The motion to approve the recommendation as amended passed by a vote of 9 to 0.

Recommendation #S 2008-52: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve of awarding of Third Party Administrator Services.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride motioned to approve; Mr. Silva seconded.

Mrs. Correia explained that RIASBO went out to bid for these services and awarded the bid to Gatekeeper Administration and Consulting, LLC. This recommendation allows them to move forward. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

Recommendation #S 2008-53: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, award the bid for heating oil for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

MOTION: Mr. O'Dell motioned to approve; Mr. Silva seconded. Mrs. Correia recommends Dennis K. Burke at a price of \$3.40 per gallon; we have done business with them in the past and have been very pleased. This past year's cost is approximately \$2.80 per gallon. We have dual service in many buildings and can switch between gas and oil. The motion to approve passed by a vote of 9 to 0.

Recommendation #S 2008-54: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the use of the high school football field for Bristol Pop Warner.

MOTION: Mr. O'Dell motioned to approve; Mrs. McBride seconded. Mr. O'Dell is perplexed about how this recommendation came before the Committee; there has been no Budget/Facilities Subcommittee discussion, and his Subcommittee needs discussion on athletic field

protocol; also, he needs to know the Pop Warner schedule and the District's schedule in order to make an educated vote. He feels the recommendation should be withdrawn and Administration instructed to handle in accordance with policy or amend the recommended and add "in accordance with existing policy."

Mr. Estrella is also perplexed; for the past four years we have been in discussion with the Towns of Bristol and Warren on field use; he has concerns that our varsity teams cannot use our high school field because of overuse; after a meeting with Town Administrators, it was decided the issue would next be discussed at the town level; he believes we all need to work together. Individual requests for use have never come before the Committee.

Dr. Mara explained the only reason for the recommendation was because of the meeting with Town Administrators; the Bristol Town Administrator made several attempts to schedule the follow-up meeting; in the meantime, Dr. Mara did not feel comfortable approving the request from Pop Warner.

As Chair, Mr. Estrella asked the Superintendent to place the request on file and proceed with the normal course of action; an agreement on field use must be made as soon as possible. Mr. Olson, of Pop Warner, said he needs a field for four days for their August 31st start; there will be six games per day.

Mr. Silva commented that the District has been waiting eight years for

something to come to fruition that never comes. We should not have any town saying we cannot use their fields and vice versa—it's all the same children. He would approve this use of the field, provided our students can use the Towns' fields. Dr. Mara said they were truly hopeful to get somewhere this time; there have been issues with Warren as well as Bristol.

Mrs. Lynch agreed with Mr. Silva, we have been waiting long enough. We were restricted from the use of a Bristol field only for someone else to use it. She feels we need a timeline. Mr. Estrella abhors putting kids in the crossfire. He asked that a formal request from the School Committee be made to the Town Administrators, asking for a resolution quickly.

Mr. Walter Burke, Director of Bristol Parks and Recreation, said there are seven leagues in the District that use Bristol fields; he believes everyone should use all the fields. Five years ago the Mt. Hope Lacrosse team asked to use the field at the Town Beach because Warren would not let them use their fields. The only reasons for field use changes are: 1) disastrous condition, 2) limited use to rest the field, or 3) open use. Limitations are imposed only due to the condition of the field. The multi-purpose field had to be closed because of big divots; all use was cancelled; it is now back in shape; he intends to welcome Lacrosse back.

Mr. Estrella referred the issue back to the Superintendent and asked

him to send letters to all concerned. Mrs. Lynch felt it was not right to withhold use of the fields by the Mustangs, this has nothing to do with them.

Enrollment Update

Dr. Mara reported a steady stream of registrants this week; enrollment count is now 3424. Kindergarten class size averages 22; 27 elementary classes exceed our contractual limit of 24. Secondary enrollment is as follows:

Grade 6 249

Grade 7 277

Grade 8 258

Grade 9 330

Grade 10 301

Grade 11 267

Grade 12 253

District wide enrollment is 35 – 40 students over last year's. The first day of school is August 27th for all grade levels. August 25th is Teacher Orientation and all School Committee members are welcome. Bus orientation will take place at each elementary school.

Mr. Estrella repeated the message to parents to register their children if they have not already done so; also, there is protocol for student drop off as it is very busy at the schools' front doors. Dr. Mara said kindergarten parents are invited into the classrooms on the first day;

all bus schedules are on line and the runs are usually a little late for the first few days. Elementary class assignment letters have gone out; Colt Andrews parents should call Reynolds School for the time being. Mr. Estrella said the Byfield and Reynolds School Committee liaisons will go to Colt Andrews.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 8:55 PM

In accordance with Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5(a)(1)-(9), 2(b), Mr. Saviano motioned to go into Executive Session at 8:55 PM to discuss personnel issues and BWEA contract negotiations. Mr. O'Dell seconded. Mr. Estrella recused himself from BWEA contract negotiation discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING – 9:55 PM

The Committee discussed the issues noted above.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride motioned to ratify a decision made in Executive Session for Mr. Estrella to sign a contract agreement for an Administrator. Mr. Brule seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:59 PM

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Brule, seconded by Mrs. Campbell, motioned to adjourn at 9:59 PM. The vote was

unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Silva, Secretary

/c